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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, setting a shortened statutory period for a response of three months.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

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